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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

IPF:(1987-91) $57 512 000
(URT/89/019) - Comprehensive Agricultural Extension System

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	10 July 1991
Expected duration:	Three years
Proposed executing agency:	FAO
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources (MALNR)
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$1 500 000 Source of funds: IPF
Total UNDP budget:	$1 500 000

Project background

Agriculture is the single most important sector of economic activity in Zanzibar, accounting for 58 percent of GDP and over 80 percent of foreing exchange earnings. Out of the total estimated population of 640,578 (1988 census), approximately 90 percent engage in subsistence agriculture and 95 percent of the cropped land is tilled by smallholder farmers.

The Government recognizing that agricultural productivity of smallholder farmers is low and that the existing improved agro-technologies are not effectively translated into integrated packages, have requested UNDP assistance under the present approval. This low productivity is due to the inefficiencies and fragmentation of extension services, paucity of appropriate research results, inavailability of inputs and access to markets etc.

Increasing food production by reorganizing and integrating the fragmented extension services into a consolidated extension services through on-farm demonstration of available packages, and training with maximum involvement of the farmers themselves, is thus considered a top priority by the Government.

Description of project

The development objectives of the project are to: (a) establish self-sufficiency in basic food production; (b) increase production of cash crops, such as cloves and coconuts; and (c) import substitutions, particularly of rice and sugar.

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The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) facilitate development of appropriate and effective extension packages through a unified extension services linked with agricultural research; (b) train extension management and technical staff at various levels; and (c) improve and strengthen the existing mechanism for planning, managing and evaluating extension programmes.

Project activities will include: (a) organizing an effective consolidated extension services through improving manpower skills and restructuring institutional organization ensuring administrative and operational linkages at all levels (i.e. national, regional, district and village levels); (b) achievement of maximum involvement by the small-scale farmers themselves, both male and female, primarily through extension delivery and establishment of a functioning link between farmers, extension and research; and (c) enabling the small farmers to take part in the identification of needs and specific problems as well as to encourage them to take active roles in the development of extension programme.

Inputs

UNDP will provide one agricultural extension and training specialist (36 work-months), one extension programme planning and evaluation specialist (12 work-months), one UNV extension training officer (36 work-months), one extension training material production (36 work-months); two extension agriculturalists (72 work-months), a consultant rural sociologist (six work-months); administrative support - one secretary/administrative assistant (36 work-months), one driver (36 work-months); eight short-term (three work-months) fellowships in administration and management of training institutions; one study tour for senior policy makers to observe an efficient extension system and another one for extension officers to acquire on-the-job training in the application of extension technologies for small-scale farmers in selected developing countries; in-service training for 138 village extension agents, 15 regional and district extension offices and a two work-weeks workshop for middle and senior extension management staff; and equipment including two station-wagons, two pick-up trucks, one minibus, 18 motorcycles, 152 bicycles, a communication system with main station and five sub-stations, eight walkie-talkies; and operation and maintenance equipment.

Financial data

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Personnel	902 000
Subcontract	227 300
Training	314 000
Equipment	56 700
Miscellaneous	
Total	1 500 000

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